ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A malware protection mechanism is described whereby upon detection of an item of malware or malware like behaviour, I/O devices (18, 20, 22) of a computer (4, 6, 8, 10) may be disabled in order to resist propagation of the malware or infection by the malware. Alternatively, a System Administrator may manually trigger the disablement of the I/O devices as a pre-emptive precaution against infection.

[Figure 3]